

Chambers, McKenzie

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To: Chambers, McKenzie
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Honorable members of the Agriculture Committee, 2013 Session.

This email is to record my support for HB 439.

As a retired member of the Ravalli County Fairgrounds Board (16 yrs.) and retired Director of Bitter Root Humane Association, I support the legislation necessary to make puppy mills illegal in the State of Montana. Montanan's have a proud heritage of loving the animals in their care. This bill is not attempting to stop the small, responsible breeders but to outlaw the large puppy mills that have little disregard for the health and well being of their offspring or breeding stock. Puppy mill bred dogs have long term health problems, often leading to huge veterinary bills for owners and long term behavior problems. Living conditions are indescribably cruel with domestic pets spending their lives in huge discomfort and lacking the love and affection necessary for mental and physical well being.

The absence of puppy mill laws in Montana is a huge insult to our heritage. Please help us continue the proud husbandry of our animals and their future.

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